

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
MARCH 24, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the second meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of March was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, March 24, 2014, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Bernie Buehler, John Graf, Greg Husmann, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller and City Attorney Skip Wieser.

Mayor Poellinger asked if anyone wished to take action to change the agenda as presented. It was the consensus of Council to remove Item 3.3 – Monte Carlo Road – Option to Purchase.

ITEM 1 – CONSENT AGENDA

At this time, the Mayor read the following items to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda, including additional bills, for this regular meeting:

- 1.1 MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2014
- 1.2 MINUTES – MARCH 12, 2014
- 1.3 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH MARCH 20, 2014
- 1.4 CASH BALANCE/ACTIVITY REPORT – JANUARY 2014
- 1.5 LIBRARY REPORT –JANUARY 2014

At the conclusion of the reading of the Consent Agenda, Mayor Poellinger asked if the Council wished to have any of the items removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.0 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REVIEW

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with Council the Resolution from May 2000 that established an economic development authority. Council has the option to either reaffirm or rescind that Resolution. Following discussion, Member Buehler introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-14-10

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-00-03

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2000, Resolution No. 05-00-03 was put into effect.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 05-00-03 established an Economic Development Authority for the City of La Crescent.

WHEREAS, the City Council retained the authority to preside over the Economic Development Authority;

WHEREAS, the City Council has never acted under the authority of the Economic Development Authority;

WHEREAS, it was determined to be in the best interest of the City Council to rescind Resolution No. 05-00-03.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of La Crescent hereby approves the rescinding of Resolution No. 05-00-03.

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2014.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Husmann and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

Council then reviewed a Request for Proposals to provide Community/Economic Development Services to the City of La Crescent. It was recommended to Council to approve the Request for Proposals and authorize its distribution. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC SERVICES TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

It was recommended to Council to call for a special City Council Meeting on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the request for proposals that are received. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, as follows:

MOTION TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RECEIVED TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC SERVICES TO THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.1 – PROCESS TO AMEND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

City Attorney Wieser gave an extended overview to Council of the adoption and amendment of the Comprehensive, Transportation, and Community Facilities Plans. This was informational and no action was taken.

ITEM 3.2 – NORTH CHESTNUT STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY

City Attorney Wieser gave an extended overview to Council as to the concerns regarding the location of the public right-of-way in front of the building located at 444 North Chestnut Street. The estimated costs would be

\$2,000 to WHKS for surveying work and completion of a Certificate of Survey and \$375.00 for drafting a Quit Claim Deed and final review of legal descriptions from the County Recorder's office, along with recording and transfer fees. Following discussion, Member Graf made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, as follows:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AND THE CURRENT OWNER REGARDING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 444 NORTH CHESTNUT STREET.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.3 – MONTE CARLO ROAD – OPTION TO PURCHASE – Consensus of Council to remove from agenda

ITEM 3.4 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2014

Council reviewed the Planning Commission Minutes from the March 4, 2014 meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 3.5 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Council reviewed Todd Nelson's letter of retirement as Police Chief for the City of La Crescent effective May 31, 2014. It was recommended to Council to accept Chief Nelson's retirement and to refer this matter to the Personnel Committee for review and recommendation. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF TODD NELSON AS POLICE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2014 AND TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.6 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

City Administrator Waller gave an overview of the Personnel Committee's recommendation to Council that effective January 1, 2014, that the monthly insurance benefit be increased by \$26 per month family, and \$14 per month single, for members of the LELS union. This is consistent with the increase for 2014 for AFSCME and non-union City employees. Following discussion, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY INSURANCE BENEFIT INCREASE OF \$26 PER MONTH FAMILY, AND \$14 PER MONTH SINGLE, FOR MEMBERS OF THE LELS UNION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 6.1 – STAFF CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council reviewed the minutes from the March 19, 2014 La Crescent Community Fire Cooperative meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 7.1 – CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed information regarding the Cities and Sustainability lecture to be held Thursday, April 3, 2014 by John Norquist about the importance of cities and the negative effects of suburban sprawl. No action taken.

ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Eileen Krenz from the La Crescent Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the Slice of Life 5K being replaced with a scavenger hunt race. Also, there will be an Open House at Home Federal Bank on March 26, 2014 to celebrate their 30th year in La Crescent.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Graf, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly adjourned at 5:55 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator